

***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

Applicant: Geoffrey B. Rhoads  
Title: MEHTOD AND SYSTEMS FOR INSERTING  
WATERMARKS IN DIGITAL SIGNALS  
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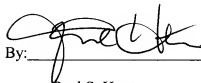
**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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These Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.104 are intended to be responsive to the Notice of Allowance dated December 28, 2010. On pages 3-4 of the Notice of Allowability dated December 28, 2010 under “Examiner’s Statement of Reasons for Allowance,” the Examiner provided a lengthy statement of reasons for allowance.

While the Applicant agrees that the allowed claims are allowable over the cited references, the Applicant does not necessarily agree with or acquiesce in the statement of reasons for allowance given by the Examiner on pages 3-4 of the Notice of Allowability.

Respectfully submitted,

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